GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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New Visa Regime
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently simplified the process of getting Indian Visa for tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the new easier Visa Regime would help the visitors, businessmen, interns, foreign nationals engaged as faculty and other categories of people?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (b): The Government has further liberalized, simplified and rationalized the visa regime in India. E-Visa scheme has been categorised into three sub-categories i.e. e-Tourist Visa, e-Business Visa and e-Medical Visa with increased number of entries and duration of stay. Further long term Tourist visa is given for 5 years in respect of most of the countries of the world.

(c): Liberalized visa regime will result in higher number of foreigners in India which will give a boost to the tourism, medical and business sectors resulting in substantial increase in direct and indirect employment in these sectors.

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